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TWO POEMS

OPEN A DOOR

Open a door suddenly,
  And you may see
Loved ones whom you call dead
  Happy and free.

Listen—oh, stealthily!—
  You'll find it true,
These whom you weep for
  Are pitying you.

Close the door softly,
  Lest they may learn
They have been spied on,
  And never return.

JENICE

If Jenice dies, who is as white
As apple blossoms blanched by night—
If Jenice dies, what shall I care
If there be beauty everywhere?
All beauty will be dead for me—
The silver moonlight on the sea,
The shining glory of the skies,
Will die for me if Jenice dies.

May Thomas Milam